

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE  
12 THAT A REGULAR ELECTION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH A POPULATION  
13 GREATER THAN THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND SHALL BE HELD IN  
14 CONJUNCTION WITH A GENERAL ELECTION.

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16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 7, Section 1  
18 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

19 "A. Every citizen of the United States, who is over  
20 the age of twenty-one years, and has resided in New Mexico  
21 twelve months, in the county ninety days, and in the precinct  
22 in which he offers to vote thirty days, next preceding the  
23 election, except idiots, insane persons and persons convicted  
24 of a felonious or infamous crime unless restored to political  
25 rights, shall be qualified to vote at all elections for public

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1 officers. The legislature may enact laws providing for  
2 absentee voting by qualified electors.

3 B. All school elections shall be held at different  
4 times from other elections, except that, after January 1, 2010,  
5 a regular election of a school district with a population, as  
6 shown by the most recent decennial census, greater than three  
7 hundred thousand shall be held in conjunction with a general  
8 election. Prior to the general election of 2010, the  
9 legislature shall enact such laws as are necessary to  
10 effectuate the provisions of this subsection.

11 C. The legislature shall have the power to require  
12 the registration of the qualified electors as a requisite for  
13 voting, and shall regulate the manner, time and places of  
14 voting. The legislature shall enact such laws as will secure  
15 the secrecy of the ballot, the purity of elections and guard  
16 against the abuse of elective franchise. Not more than two  
17 members of the board of registration, and not more than two  
18 judges of election shall belong to the same political party at  
19 the time of their appointment."

20 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
21 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
22 rejection at the next general election or at any special  
23 election prior to that date that may be called for that  
24 purpose.